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DRI SCHEME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) are extending financial assistance under the Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Scheme to the low income groups in the country;

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries alongwith the financial assistance provided to them under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise including Jharkhand and bank-wise;

(c) the number of the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) who have availed of bank loans under the Scheme, State-wise including Jharkhand and Bank-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make the said scheme more effective in extending the financial assistance to the low income groups?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a): The domestic Scheduled Commercial Banks provide financial assistance under the Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Scheme to the eligible borrowers. The income eligibility criteria under the Scheme is Rs.18,000/- per annum in rural areas and Rs.24,000/- in urban and semi-urban areas. Further, the beneficiaries of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) can also avail loans under the Scheme.

(b): As per available information, the bank-wise and State-wise details of credit disbursed under the DRI Scheme during 2008-09 and 2009-10 (latest available) both account-wise and amount-wise is at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(c): Bank-wise details of loans disbursed to Indira Awas Yojana beneficiaries under the DRI Scheme as reported by banks during 2008-09 and 2009-10 (latest available) both account-wise and amount-wise is at Annexure-III.

(d): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association have been advised to suggest modifications in the guidelines of the scheme so that it could be made more attractive and implemented in an effective manner.